

REMARKS:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2008, the applicants hereby confirm the provisional election of Group I. Counsel telephoned Examiner Qazi shortly after receiving the Office Action to inquire the status of structure II-C, and the Examiner kindly indicated that the compounds of structure II-C would be included in Group I. Accordingly, the election is with respect to claims 1-7 wherein R¹ of formula I relates to the structures II-A, II-B, II-C and II-D.

Counsel also spoke to Examiner Qazi on September 24, 2008, with the Examiner kindly indicating that the application would be in condition for allowance as far as the elected invention was concerned, if the term "derivatives" in the claims was replaced by "compounds" or the like, and the non-elected subject matter cancelled. The term "derivatives" has been replaced by "compounds" as kindly suggested by the Examiner, and the non-elected subject matter has been cancelled from all claims. Accordingly, it is believed that this application is in proper condition for allowance and an early notice to that effect is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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